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RE: UNITED STATES v. THOMAS FARNHAM

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Thomas Farnham, 52, of Mayville, New York, pled guilty today before U.S. District Judge William M. Skretny to a felony charge of possessing child pornography. The maximum punishment is ten years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Campana said the defendant admitted to possessing more than 600 images of child pornography on a computer and on compact disks that federal agents found in his home last November. ICE agents arrested Farnham in November, and he was released on bail, subject to conditions, on November 28. His bail was continued today.

The plea was the result of an investigation by the Department of Homeland Security,

Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), under the direction of Special

Agent-in-Charge Peter J. Smith.

Judge Skretny scheduled sentencing for July 27, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.